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**In re Application of:  
Sherman, et al.**

Serial No.: 09/753,496

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For: METHOD OF REMOVING  
CONTAMINANTS FROM USED OIL

Continuation of Serial No. 09/465,637  
Filed December 17, 1999

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Dear Sir:

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants respectfully request the above-referenced application be amended as shown below prior to examination. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$728.00 for one additional independent claim and thirty-six total claims in excess of twenty to Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AVIS/1016C/NAN, along with any other fees to make this response timely.

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, line 7 with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of United States Application No. 09/465,637 filed on December 17, 1999, now Patent No. 6,238,551, which is a continuation-in-part of United States Application No. 09/250,741 filed on

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